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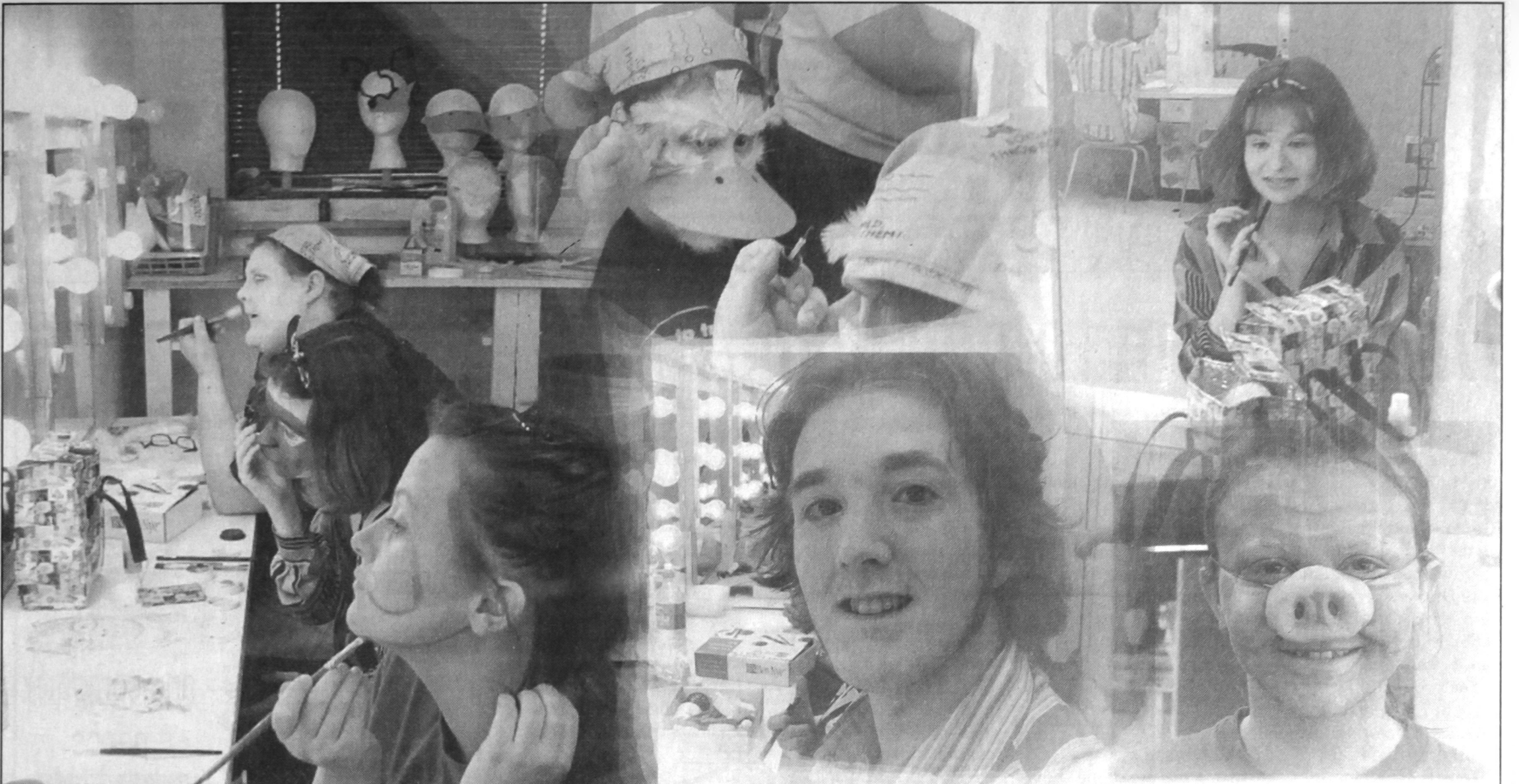
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On Monday afternoon, several theatrical makeup students prepare for Southwestern's production of *Charlotte's Web*.

## Charlotte's Web covers Southwestern on Thursday and Friday

By ANDREA FLEIG/  
STAFF REPORTER

A pig and a spider—What child hasn't heard of this unlikely pair coming together in *Charlotte's Web*?

Southwestern theatre students, with help from

the Weatherford Arts Council, Southwestern theatre professor Steve P. Strickler and technical director Darryl Rodriguez, will collaborate to offer students a trip back to their childhoods

tomorrow and Friday.

Whether from the book by E.B. White or from the various animated movies adapted from the book, children of all ages have been exposed to *Charlotte's Web*.

"It was my favorite story when I was little," said sophomore Stacie King.

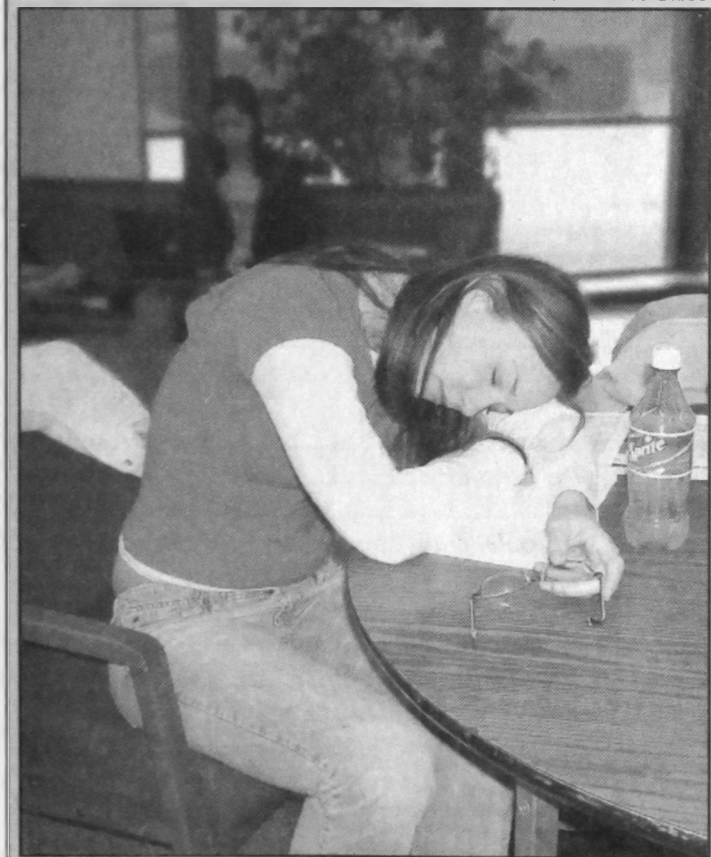
*Charlotte's Web* will be shown in the Old Science Building Auditorium at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday. However, according to Strickler, all early showings have already been sold out—mostly to schools—and only seats for the evening performances remain. Southwestern

students who present their student ID will receive free admittance to the showing. Children 4 and under also will get in free.

The price for adults is \$3 and admission for students is \$1.50.

PHOTO BY LINDSEY GRIGG



Brooke Poeling rests during a group study. Spring fever is hitting many students such as Poeling.

## Daily routine draining students

*"I've bogged myself down with so many things, I've just got tired of doing everything"*

By JULIE FITE/  
STAFF REPORTER

For sophomore communication major Maghin Merrill, waking up early to get ready for class had become a thing of the past.

As the spring semester is on its downhill slope, so is Merrill's prestigious daily routine. She is just one of many hundreds of students who are battling spring fever.

At the beginning of the semester, Merrill not only woke up early to shower and get ready for class,

but she also maintained a 6 a.m. workout. Also, she completed homework days in advance.

Merrill now wakes up 15 minutes before class and is lucky to workout during the evening.

"The weather is starting to get nicer and I just don't want to be stuck in doors," she said. "I've bogged myself down with so many things, I've just got tired of doing everything."

For other students spring fever is an

advantage. Lindsay Grigg, a junior communications major, said that she often starts out with less desire at the beginning of the year, but when the latter part of the semester rolls around, she buckles down.

"After spring break I'm ready to concentrate on getting my grades where I want them," Grigg said.

Whether the beginning of the semester or the latter part serves as a time to slack, a large majority of students suffer with spring fever.

These tips may help avoid slipping grades. Allison Bell, a writer for *Family Life*, has suggested some ways to avoid slipping grades and spring fever:

1. Take a break from homework one night to renew energy.
2. Tackle homework at different times then usual to offset boredom with the school routine.
3. Do homework outside. You will get outdoor time without sacrificing study time.

## Deadline for guaranteed withdraw draws near

By ROBYN CHRISMON/  
STAFF REPORTER

The deadline to withdraw from a course with a guaranteed withdraw is this Friday.

After that, students can still drop a course until April 22. However the student will receive a withdraw/passing or a withdraw/failing at the instructor's discretion.

To withdraw from a course, students can pick up a schedule change permit in the administration building.

The permit must be filled out and signed by the instructor of the course being dropped. It should then be turned in to the registrar's office or the enrollment room.

"There always seems to be a large number of

students who withdraw from classes during the last month of the semester," said Registrar Bob Klaassen.

There are many reasons why a student may withdraw from a class, but Klaassen warns that a student who drops should be aware of any aid requirements they must meet.

"There are two types of financial aid, federal and institutional," said Director

of Student Financial Services Larry Hollingsworth.

If a student is receiving institutional aid he or she should be careful not to compromise renewal requirements by dropping a course.

Students receiving federal aid must complete 66 percent of hours attempted to continue receiving aid.

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Photo by Michael O. Welke

## Drum Drum to perform April 7

Drum Drum, one of the most innovative contemporary groups in Australia and the South Pacific, will perform at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Thursday, April 7, as part of the university's Panorama series.

The production will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Weatherford campus.

Tickets are \$5 for SWOSU students in advance and \$10 for non SWOSU students in advance. All tickets at the door will be \$15. Advance tickets are available in the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office in Room 205 of the Administration Building and the SWOSU Business Office in Room 109 of the Administration

Building. Tickets can also be purchased with a credit card by calling (580) 774-3019.

Brian Adler, chair of the Panorama Committee, said the band is made up of some of the South Pacific's best musicians and dancers, predominantly from Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Australia. The choreography and traditional dance is a strong feature of the show, and the group's log drumming is spectacular, with costumes and body painting evoking their traditional ritual origins.

Drum Drum's music is unique because it has developed in both the Islands and in Australia over the past seven years.

One of the most spectacular elements about

Drum Drum's performance is the fusion of invigorating Island chants with highly energetic log drumming and dance with a strong influence of Hip hop and Dub.

With over 800 languages and 3,000 dialects, Papua New Guinea is one of the most diverse countries in the world. From this rich cultural diversity has developed a truly unique style of contemporary performance. The traditional music and dance that Drum Drum performs come from various regions of Papua New Guinea. Some of these include: bird dances and kundu drumming of Morobe province; rain dances and chants from Gaba Gaba coastal village—Central

Province; log drumming (garamut) of the Manus Islands; and fertility and festive dances from the Trobriand Islands.

The name Drum Drum is the English translation of Gaba Gaba which is the name of a village found on the southern coast of Papua New Guinea, the birth place of lead singer Tau Ingram and heritage of musical director Airi Ingram. Ingram has been recognized internationally as one of the most important up and coming figures in contemporary South Pacific music.

For additional information about the Drum Drum performance on April 7, call the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office at (580) 774-3063.

## Student website offers internships

By MICHELLE BUSH/  
STAFF REPORTER

Life@SWOSU, the current student's web page, is looking for a few good men and women.

Students go to the web site, <http://life.swosu.edu>, to read the Daily Content, participate in the student

surveys and message boards, get information about what's going on around campus and to find important links, such as Campus Connect and Blackboard.

Life needs people to write and edit content, moderate the message boards, update the site,

and market the site. Graphic designers and people with computer science knowledge are also needed.

This is a great opportunity to build up a resume and get the experience needed after graduation.

Multiple positions are

available including paid positions. To apply go to the Human Resources Office in the Administration Building room 101 and drop off your application at the Life Team Office in Stafford 342 or in Chip Diffendaffer's office in Stafford 314.

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Students accessing the internet on new Dell flat display computers in the Al Harris library.

## Al Harris library receives new Dell computers

By SHARMINA MANANDHAR/  
STAFF REPORTER

Holly Wyrniger of Cordell likes to study in the quiet environment of the Al Harris library. Also, she prefers it to other places of internet accesses because she can look up information on the internet using one of the many computers there.

The library has replaced the 6-year old 350 MHz P2 Gateway computers that have larger conventional

CRT monitors with new 3.2 GHz P4 Dell OptiPlex GX280 desktops. Wyrniger said that she enjoyed the recently added Pentium IV Dell computers with flat panel display.

"The computers were upgraded as a part of the replacement cycle that is performed every few years," said the director of the library Donald Gilstrap.

Under the same replacement cycle, the old computers were moved to

places like the Writing Center where workload for the computer is less intense.

In the library there are 21 desktops and 5 laptops for students use. The library assumes that the students needs will be met with this many desktops and laptops, since laptops are rarely checked out at the same time.

"I like to use the new computers in the library because they are up to the new technological standard and

also the flat panel display doesn't affect the eyes as much as the conventional CRTs," said Hiren Patel, a junior majoring in computer science.

Patel and Wyrniger and other students will benefit from the library's continued support and assistance.

"Students are advised to contact the reference desk as soon as they encounter any problem. Also complaints and suggestions are welcome," said Gilstrap.

## Social work program growing at SWOSU

March is National Social Workers Month and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford is one of only five Oklahoma universities that offer a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Debbi McFarlin, director of the social work program at SWOSU, said the number of students who are majoring in social work has grown from 32 in 1994 to 65 in 2004. SWOSU has 24 seniors doing their internships this spring semester in various settings.

Social work is a profession dealing with relationships between people and their environments. Social work helps people solve personal, group, family and community problems by providing vision and direction for addressing social problems, resolving interpersonal conflicts,

confronting social issues and meeting human needs. A social worker's role is to promote human well-being and the alleviation of poverty and oppression among populations that are at risk.

To be called or use the title of "social worker" in Oklahoma, a person must have a professional social work degree from an accredited program and be licensed through the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers.

SWOSU does have a Social Work Organization that is involved in numerous activities throughout the year which benefits nursing homes, children's agencies and other charitable organizations.

Additional information about the social work program at SWOSU is available by calling (580) 774-7087.

## State regents visit campus Thursday

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education will have its March meeting on the Southwestern campus Thursday.

The State Regents will meet at 9 a.m. at the SWOSU Conference Center. The meeting is open to the public. Following the meeting, the State Regents will attend a luncheon at SWOSU and then tour the SWOSU campus.

Jimmy D. Harrel of Elk City is chairman of the State Regents. Other regents are: Bill W. Burgess, Jr., Lawton; Joseph E. Cappy, Tulsa; Marlin "Ike" Glass, Newkirk; Cheryl P. Hunter, Oklahoma City; John Massey, Durant; William Stuart Price, Tulsa; Carl R. Renfro, Ponca City; and Ronald H. White, Oklahoma City. Chancellor is Paul G. Risser.

SWOSU President John Hays said the State Regents will arrive in Weatherford on Wednesday for various committee meetings, a reception and dinner.

The OSRHE is the coordinating board for all universities and colleges in Oklahoma.

## Students direct one-acts

By JOSH TRENT/  
STAFF REPORTER

After months of research and preparation in theatre directing, 10 students from Steve Strickler's Directing class will present a showcase of one-act plays later this month.

The student directors researched and chose the plays themselves and held open auditions last week to cast the roles. They will present these shows as part of a class project.

Student directors are Jesse Sierra, Candace Anthony, Lynn Koop, Heather King, Traci Hanes, Ashleigh Edwards, Eddie Gonzales, Beau Bratcher, Alex Corder and Lauren Helmke.

"The plays will be a mix of every genre, from drama and tragedy to romantic comedies," Strickler said.

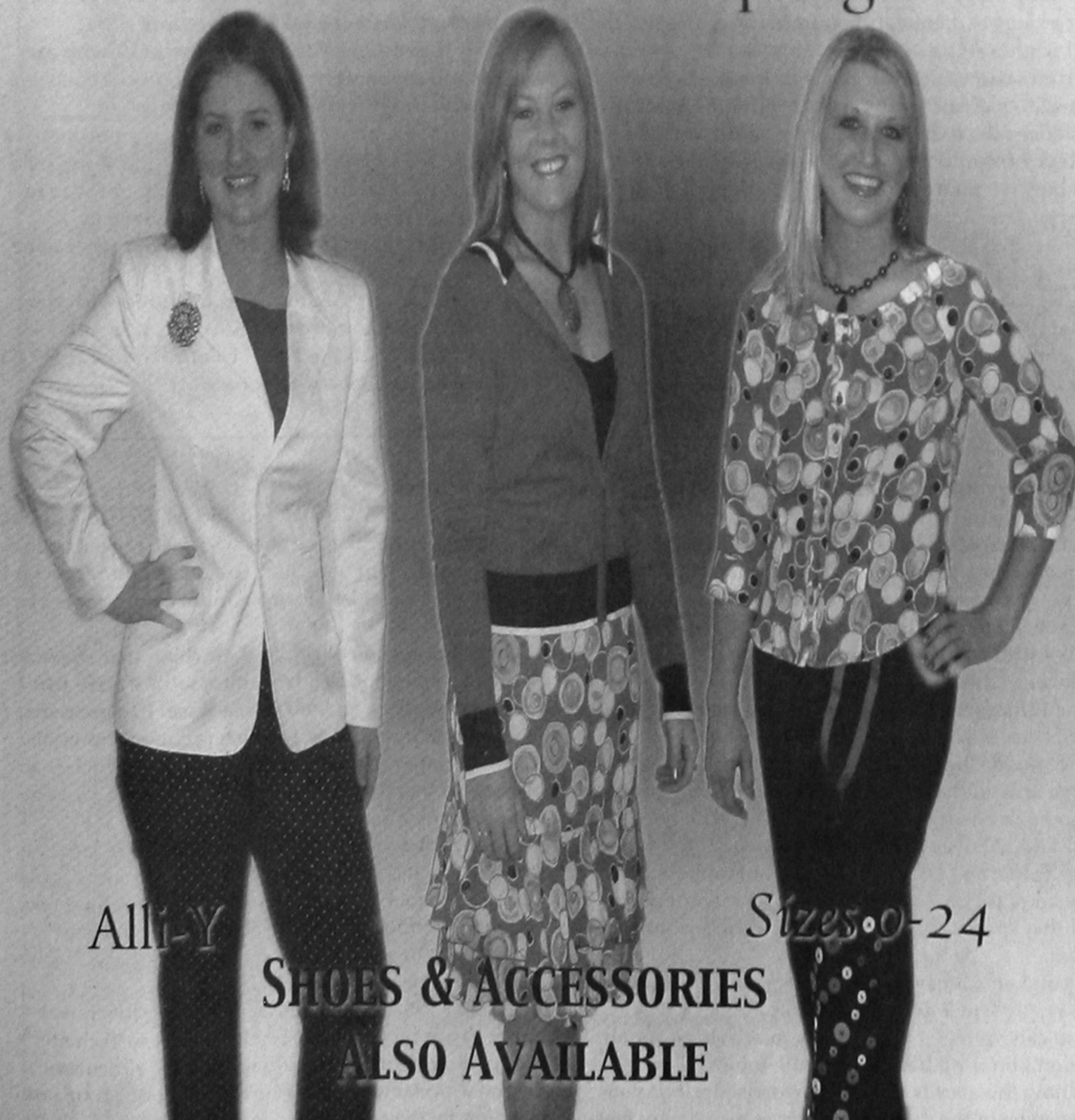
Assisting the production are nine students from Darryl Rodriguez's lighting design class. The students will work with the directors and design the lighting for each production.

Lighting the shows are Eddie Gonzales, Alex Corder, Zach Wotipka, Alicia Green, Lauren Helmke, Randi Wallace, Sam Jennings, A.J. Sawatzky and Jamie Rowe.

The plays are free and begin each night at 7:30 in the Old Science Auditorium, April 21-23. For more information call Strickler at 774-3082.

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# Opinion

## Comments from the staff

### Michael Schiavo... ...murderer and unfaithful husband

Bob and Mary Schindlers' last-ditch attempt to get the United States Supreme Court and the Florida state court to reinstate the feeding tube of their daughter, Terri Schiavo, has been denied.

There have been two compelling arguments. The first has been that the federal government has no role here and that this should be a private matter among the family. This argument has been raised by Michael Schiavo, Terri's husband, and his lawyer. The other argument has been pushed by Terri's parents for the government to intervene by the use of the Fourteenth Amendment that mandates that "no State shall...deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

However, a Florida state judge last Saturday rejected the latest effort by Terri's parents' attorney David Gibbs and has sided with Michael Schiavo's lawyer. A family spokesman said Gibbs would likely avoid the state's district appellate court and mount a final plea with the Florida Supreme Court.

I have really been disturbed by the past actions taken—or more realistically, not taken—by Michael Schiavo. The Schiavos were awarded more than \$1 million in a malpractice lawsuit against Terri's physicians who, Michael Schiavo successfully argued, should have treated her potassium imbalance before it resulted in cardiac arrest. This is what likely caused decreased blood flow to her brain, leading to her brain damage. Terri Schiavo's medical care has been spent on Michael Schiavo's eight-year legal battle to end her life. Michael Schiavo attorney George Felos was reimbursed for fees totaling \$358,434. His other attorney, Deborah Bushnell, was paid \$80,309. The attorneys say only about \$50,000 remains of Terri's medical-care fund.

Michael Schiavo has used the award from the lawsuit to end his wife's life. Since 1993, he has denied many types of rehabilitation treatment for her. Michael Schiavo has shown no concern for his

wife and has allowed her condition to worsen. He hasn't allowed doctors to perform simple tests, such as an MRI, to conclude if she has been in vegetable state with her cerebral cortex liquefied. Nevertheless, what has made the family's concern greater has been Michael Schiavo's reckless use of the lawsuit award to keep his wife trapped in a bed with limited medical care for more than 10 years.

Michael Schiavo could have been seen as a man who tried to honor his wife, but now he will be seen as a man who has no compassion, no heart. Michael Schiavo has even broken his marriage vows by not holding up to his vows. Most vows center around the clause "for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, as long as you both shall live, until death do us part."

Michael Schiavo has even gone to the point of cheating on his wife with a "common law wife" and his two children with her. The media started using that definition to describe the illicit relationship between a man and a woman who are "cohabiting" without marriage. Michael Schiavo hasn't had the decency to divorce Terri. In other words, he invalidated his marriage by having a girlfriend on the side and producing children by this woman. Michael Schiavo shouldn't have been able to contract a common law marriage while still being married.

I have a word for the media to use when a partner leaves his sufficient other to die and picks up someone to shack up with. It's called a deadbeat.

Television viewers have watched networks endlessly play videos of Terri Schiavo interacting and have concluded that her husband and the judicial system in Florida are murderers. I have heard women over the week say that no woman in her right mind would accept this behavior by this man. However, every man who has controlled the courtroom has heard this case and has ruled in favor of this murderer. What justice can woman have when her husband can commit murderer? Not only has Terri Schiavo been physically abused, but humiliated by her husband's cheating.

Many people have begun to protest the federal government in Florida for the decision on Terri Schiavo life. However, their protesting will not save her. In her current condition, Florida law states that she cannot be represented by a lawyer in her condition. That means, her guardian, her husband, has all power over her legal affairs. Moreover, the federal state court has ruled on Michael Schiavo's side and has basically said euthanasia can now be legal.

--Brian Hill

## Comments from the staff

### Don't bet on it

People all over this state are breaking an Oklahoma law that could cost them serious jail time and quite a handful of cash. I have observed friends, family and students at Southwestern breaking this law on a weekly basis. To give people the benefit of the doubt, the people may not be educated of this law and may be breaking it unintentionally.

Oklahoma has very strict policies regarding casual poker games and gambling. Section 941 immediately spells out that the punishment for administering any game of cards or dice for money or anything of value, is guilty of a felony worth between \$500-\$2,000, and 1-10 years in a state penitentiary. Those caught betting or playing at these prohibited games are guilty of a misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of \$25-\$100 and 1-30 days in a county jail.

Casual gambling is not an issue taken lightly by the state of Oklahoma. I don't believe it should be taken lightly. What may begin as just a friendly poker game can escalate into a heated cash-grabbing greed fest. A very dangerous addiction is gambling. It may start as a \$10 poker game, that turns into a \$50, that eventually turns into a no holds barred, no limit poker night. It may seem far fetched but in time, the casual gambling could turn into a dreadfully dodgy addiction that harms you, your family and your friends.

"The more you have at stake, the more intense and fun it is," said freshman Jason Myers, a health sciences major at Southwestern.

Why gamble with your future? It may be innocent and may not be harming anyone else, but the law is the law. A judge in court will not want to hear your pathetic excuses. A police officer doesn't care that you were late for a job interview. The officer cares that you broke the law. I am sure people will continue to carry on with "Texas Hold 'Em" poker nights. I urge you not to. I don't play poker because I know I would be blatantly breaking the law. I know what the law is and would be deliberately disobeying it. now that you know the law, you have no excuse.

--Royce Young

## From the Mailbox ...

### Discrimination: Learning from our Mistakes? Perhaps Not

Social discrimination is quite a loaded term. How does one define it? The Oxford American Dictionary of Current English defines the word "social" as the following: of or relating to society or concerned with the mutual relations of human beings or of classes based on prejudice. Therefore social discrimination is the unfavorable treatment of another human being based on prejudice. Now that we're clear on what social discrimination is, it's time to address an issue that falls under this

category.

This issue is the intolerance of homosexuality.

A recent opinion article in the March 9th issue of The Southwestern has gone as far as to say that because of a person's sexual orientation he/she should be kicked out of the dorms. This is a very clear example of social discrimination. In fact, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits social discrimination with reference to housing. For example, one can't deny a person their choice of residence based on their social distinctions. Do we not learn from history? We now recognize the mistakes we made as a country by not allowing African-Americans to have their basic rights as humans merely because of the color of their skin, a social distinction. Now, we're not allowing homosexuals the same basic rights because of their sexual orientation, another social distinction.

A common argument used against homosexuality is it's "immorality" which stems from religious beliefs. While the constitution

protects these beliefs from government interference, this country's system of government rests on the principle of separation of church and state. Therefore the supposed "immorality" of the homosexual lifestyle is irrelevant to a person's rights as a US citizen. Such religious beliefs should not be used as an excuse for discrimination.

I find it extremely ironic that the ones who are the most passionately opposed to homosexuals are those who dub themselves "Christians" or "followers of Christ." As Christians, sometimes we fail to recognize the commandment that Jesus held high above all others. This commandment was to love. Love everyone. Love your neighbor as yourself. Yes, even if your neighbor happens to be gay.

Whether or not you agree or disagree with the morality of the homosexual lifestyle, it is not unreasonable to ask for civil treatment towards people who just love differently.

--Stephenie Schaus

## From the Mailbox ...

### We Should Work on the Bigger Problem

This letter is in response to staff writer Andy Tschetter's opinion article in *The Southwestern* on March 9. In that article he stated, "If a gay or lesbian student feels the need to come out, I feel they should be discharged from the dorms."

After reading Tschetter's opinion piece, I was concerned that our university wouldn't just on board with his proposals. My concern came from the university's reputation as one that promotes equality on a campus which grows in diversity each year.

In the spirit of Tschetter's opinion, I thought maybe he could use the vacant Parker Hall in his purification of the dorms. Instead of throwing out into the cold those who don't follow "The Laws of Mother Nature,"

perhaps we could get SWOSU Police to round up all of our homosexual students (and of course anyone else who makes those of us who are "right" feel uncomfortable; you can't really draw the line after that point anyway) and put them into their own separate, and of course equal, quarters. In place of student IDs, why not just have them branded with a number?

In addition, SWOSU could change its slogan to, "The Focus is You (if you are a rich, white, heterosexual Christian)." We could then come to college and not have to worry about meeting people of different race, back ground, or beliefs. Who needs cultural diversity anyway?

For Tschetter, a self-proclaimed homophobic, here some helpful tips to avoid any unwanted attention from that special young man you are sure is interested in you:

Σ If you know a gay man who lives on your floor, you can say, "hi"; just don't lean in for a kiss.

Σ You can even go over to a gay man's dorm room; just don't offer up back rubs while topless.

Σ I know this part is especially worrisome, but you can even be in the same bathroom as a gay man; just don't shower in the same stall.

I would not steer you wrong. All of these things

will be helpful, but the best way to solve the big problem is to educate yourself and become tolerant of others. It is either that, or you will be "showering in a bathing suit" all of your life. Tolerance and respect is what would make the dorms a more comfortable place to live.

On a serious note, I find it disturbing that a member of the newspaper staff filled space with a piece that promotes segregation and intolerance. It is great that we have the power to voice such opinions; however, this newspaper is a tool of the university which is an institution that does not discriminate on the basis of race, disability or sexual orientation.

It is sad there are people who feel homosexual students should not be permitted to live in the dorms. This shows an overall ignorance, closed mindedness, and mindset that is comparable to those who saw justification in separate but equal rulings like Plessy v. Ferguson.

I'm sure that the article I am referring to slipped under the radars of many readers because Tschetter's claims were juvenile and, on some level ridiculous. Yet, on a closer look, his proposals boil down to a call to action by the college to adopt policies of intolerance.

--Dawn Nauman



# Features

## Downtown Diner offers '50s attitude

By Bigyan Koirala/  
Staff Reporter

Weatherford residents and Southwestern students have a new choice for dining now.

Downtown Diner, which opened in July, serves more than just food.

Salt and pepper are common at the diner's tables. What will amaze you about this restaurant is that there are cards on the tables, too. So, you can enjoy a short card game until the food is served.

And don't worry about the food. Mary and Steve, the owners, have been working in food services for years. Mary worked at Braum's for seventeen years and Steve also worked there for eight years.

Most food is home cooked, though they also serve fast foods. These include burgers, steaks, soup, dessert and Kitty's Chicken to name a few. The restaurant also has daily specials at lunch. Mary makes specials on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The restaurant has a pleasant red, white and green atmosphere. And this is the only restaurant downtown that serves bottled cokes.

"That's what makes us different than other restaurants in downtown. Our food is home cooked and we have a homey atmosphere," said Steve Ralston, manager and proprietor of the restaurant.

The idea of opening this

restaurant came when Steve and Mary decided to have a business of their own and open a restaurant. The theme of the restaurant is a '50s diner, and you can see pictures representing the same. There are pictures of motels of the '50s, and a replica of an actual carfront from the same time.

The restaurant's wide space allows a maximum of seventy-two people to be seated at once.

Downtown Diner is located at 123 W. Main, Weatherford, and is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



Elizabeth Stafford rocks out to the tunes in her iPod.

## iPods invasion sweeps the world

By Carrie Carney/  
Staff Reporter

Music is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "a contrived or natural sound that is pleasant to the ear." Everybody likes music. Music can be a form of entertainment, worship or communication.

One student, Nathan Huber, loves music. He listens to metal, rock, rap and alternative. He listens to it everywhere he goes - at home, in the car, on his way to class, at work and at the gym.

Huber has an iPod.

An iPod is a digital music player made by Apple. The 20 gig version can hold up to 5,000 songs even though it only weighs 5.6 ounces and can be carried in your pocket. The iPod costs about \$300.

It seems that iPods are certainly a must-have in today's world, and there are several iPods that a person can choose from. There's the original iPod. Then there is the iPod Shuffle, which weighs a mere .78 ounces and costs only \$99. It can hold up to 12 hours of music. You can also have an

iPod Photo.

Or there is the iPod Mini. One of the newest iPods, the Mini holds up to 1500 songs and weighs only 3.6 ounces. It has nearly 18 hours of battery life. It's so small that you can wear it on a lanyard or armband. Some go as far as to purchase these accessories made by brands like Coach, Burberry, or Kate Spade. iPod Mini's can be color customized too. An iPod Mini costs \$199.

Yes, iPods are compact and can hold a lot of music, but what is it that is so appealing to the youth of today that they have to have one?

Maybe it is because you can customize it to fit you. You can pick the color you want, the size you want and the music you want.

"I like it because whatever mood I'm in and wherever I'm at I have music to fit it. Music is a form of worship for me and is one way for me to communicate with Jesus," Huber said.

However, there are others who feel that this is just another trend.

"I think it's silly. There

are other players and brands that are just as good or better," said Roy Evans, a Senior Computer Science major. Evans, along with many others, feel that most people just get iPods because that is the latest fashion. The mindset is that everyone has one, so I should get one, too.

But maybe there is more to this than just being another trend. Maybe iPods are here to stay.

According to an article in USA Today, "Apple has sold more than 10 million iPods since 2001. It dominates the digital music player market with a 75%-80% share of hard-drive-based players, according to market research firm Creative Strategies."

Huber feels that iPods and the like will eventually eliminate CD players, because you can carry all of your music with you and it won't get destroyed or lost like CDs.

"Digital cameras have now taken the place of film and I really think that iPods are going to replace CD players in the near future," he said.



*Man of the House*, starring Tommy Lee Jones, is a humorous surprise.

When you review a movie with cheerleaders and a Texas Ranger, you probably would get the feeling that it might not exactly be an award-winning movie.

I don't know about the Academy Awards, but this movie was definitely a laugh-out-loud comedy with a touching ending.

It has something in it for every movie fan. It has a romantic feel for those who love chick flicks, but guys don't be discouraged, because no Tommy Lee Jones movie

would be complete without incredible fight sequences and chase scenes that rival those of any great action movie.

To match the dry-humored remarks of Jones, it also features Cedric the Entertainer. His character, an ex-con who now is a southern pastor, brings a certain comic flare that only he could provide.

This is proven in one hilarious scene where he encounters a dance-off inside the church with the Texas Longhorn cheerleaders. He kept up with the squad, but needless to say it was one of

the funniest scenes in the movie.

Christina Milian, a music artist trying her hand at acting, plays one of the beautiful Texas Longhorn cheerleaders whom Jones is trying to protect. The cheerleaders, as dense as they may be portrayed, also teach the tough-hearted Texas Ranger, Jones, a thing or two about love, dating and how to be a great father.

Milian, along with four other girls, shows his true spirit in the end by helping Jones save the day in this hilarious, heartfelt comedy.

—Lauren Pritchard

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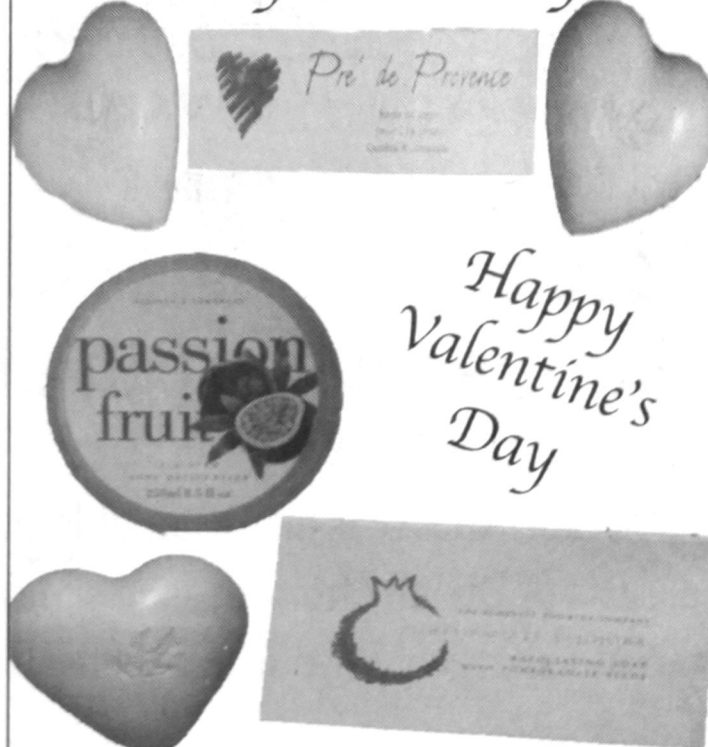
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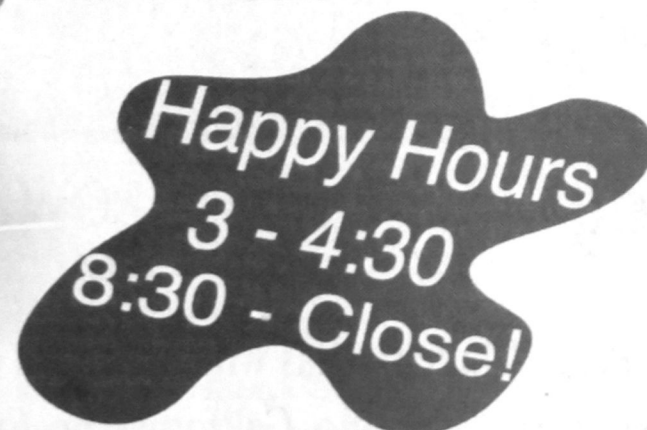
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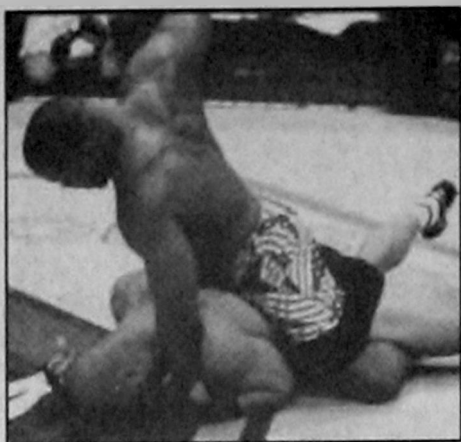
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## Sport or not a sport - Ultimate Fighting

By ANDY TSCHETTER/  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) was created to showcase the talents of mixed martial artists. It was created in 1993 for pay-per-view only. There was never a plan to have more than one or two events. The idea was to bring together various types of martial arts and Olympic sports such as karate, jiu-jitsu, boxing, wrestling, kick-boxing, muay thai, and sumo into a tournament format to see which discipline would reign supreme. Obviously spectators loved the idea. What began as a small pay-per-view fight has transformed into one of the worlds most popular sporting events. But, the UFC has taken some heat from some of its more conservative viewers. Even though there has never been a serious injury in the UFC, its brutal hand-to-hand combat has labeled the UFC as violence, not sport.



Students at Southwestern had differing views on the UFC. Some see it as a sport like boxing or K-1, others see it as pure violence that takes us back to the days of gladiators.

**Sport-** "The UFC is probably the most physically strenuous sport there is," says Royce Young, a freshman at Southwestern. "It takes more athletic ability, more training, and more conditioning to compete in the UFC than in the NFL or any other major sport. These fighters are the best athletes on the planet."

**Not a Sport-** "Sure it's physically demanding, but I wouldn't define in the same category of football, baseball, or basketball. Its just two guys trying to kill each other," said Pharmacy major Cody Awbrey.

## Michieli tosses no-hitter

SWOSU's Kaleena Michieli baffled East Central's Tigers with a wide assortment of pitches with a no-hitter in a 3-0 softball victory Friday in Ada. Michieli allowed the Bulldogs to salvage a split with the Tigers after a 4-1 loss

in the opener.

SWOSU is now 13-21 on the season and 4-8 in Lone Star Conference North play. The Bulldogs next game will be Tuesday, March 29 at Cameron. ECU fell to 7-20 overall and 2-14 in league play.

## Bulldog Profile: Te Berry

By ANDY TSCHETTER/  
SPORTS EDITOR

Year-Junior  
Major-Secondary Education  
Position-Catcher

**Favorite restaruant-**Taco Villa  
**Favorite CD-**3rd Day  
**Favorite TV Show/ Movie-**Friends, League of Their Own  
**Favorite Athlete-**Heather Scaglione  
**Read a book or play** PS2-PS2

**Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life?** why? God. He

has and will always be there for me no matter what. I can count on Him for anything.

**How has your life changed since coming to Weatherford?** I have made a lot of friends here. I'm farther away from home and they have really made me feel welcome.

**How far can this team go this year?** We can go pretty far. We have a lot of good talent. Once everything comes together we will be really successful.

## Busted Bracketology

*This year's tournament has been absolute madness*

By BRYAN ANDREWS/  
STAFF REPORTER

The road to the final four has been set and ready to make their statement for the National Championship.

Both of the Oklahoma teams, including all of the Big XII didn't make it to the Elite Eight.

The Oklahoma Sooners ended their season in the 2nd round to the Utah Utes. Oklahoma State lost in the Sweet Sixteen to the Arizona Wildcats on a last second shot by Salim Stoudamire.

There were some Cinderella teams making some upsets, but the biggest with Kansas losing in the 1st round to Bucknell, a 14 seed.

Texas Tech, NC State, and West Virginia were 3 surprising teams. West Virginia being the most surprising, lost in

overtime in the Elite Eight to Louisville.

The four teams that punched their tickets to the Final Four in St. Louis are, North Carolina, Illinois, Louisville, and Michigan St.

Everyone is predicting a North Carolina-Illinois match up and North Carolina taking it, but I see Louisville making a statement, and going to the national championship against North Carolina.

It is really never certain who is going to go, there could be an upset. That is what is great about the tournament. It is never certain who is going to win.

A Poll out of 100 students Who is going to win it all?  
North Carolina 40%  
Louisville 26%  
Illinois 25%  
Michigan State 9%

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**March 30**

**Civil Law and the Role of Faith**

Mr. Michael Scaperlanda, JD

Mr. Scaperlanda is the Edwards Family Chair of Law, Professor of Law, and the Associate Dean of Research at Oklahoma University College of Law. He is also an affiliate faculty member for the OU Religious Study Program. He received a bachelors degree in economics and a Jurist Doctorate from the University of Texas. he and his wife, Maria, co-authored the book.

The Journey: a Gide for the Modern Pilgrim. Mr. Scaperlanda will explore the importance of faith and religion in shaping the civil debate and law on marriage.

**April 6**

**The Theology of the Body**

Fr. Joseph Arledge, Mdiv.

Father Joe Arledge is the Pastor of Prince of Peace Church, Altas with a mission church in Hollis, Oklahoma. He received his masters of Divinity from St. John's Major Seminary, Camarillo, California. Fr. Arledge will center his talks on the more recent writings of Pope John Paul the II on the Theology of the Body.



# Sports

## Season in review: Coach Scott Reed

By ROYCE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Southwestern men's basketball team had a record setting year this year compiling a 20-9 overall record and a 7-5 conference record and also earned Southwestern first ever NCAA tournament birth. Head Coach Scott Reed has not been surprised at all by the success of this team.

"Any time you combine talent with great work ethic, you are going to have a very special thing," Reed said. "Our recruiting went really well and we brought in very talented players." The Bulldogs slipped late in the season and fell in the first round of

the tournament to top seed Texas A&M Commerce, 62-57. Starting out scorching hot with an 11 game win streak, the Bulldogs were ranked as high as No. 3 nationally. After compiling a record of 18-4, starter Jon Gunn went down with an injury. The Bulldogs then went 2-4 without Gunn, losing very close games to UCO and Cameron by a combined total of 3 points.

"We were the same team that was winning all of the close games, but we just couldn't pull out some of them," Reed said.

The Bulldogs lost 7 games by a margin of 10 or less with 5 of the losses in the last 9 games. Early in the season the

Bulldogs were winning all of the games, taking a total of 14 games by a margin of 10 or less. Three of the five teams that the Bulldogs lost to down the stretch were tournament teams and had 23 wins or more and were on the road.

Next year's team will have a lot of new faces while still keeping some familiar ones. Lonnie Cooks and Jon Gunn are the only returning starters and key role players Scott Bradley, Davy Easterling, marksman Alex Robles and Justin Parker return.

"It will be very tough to replace players like Jamaal Shell, a two-time all-conference player, and Lee J. Kirkpatrick who was a dominant low post presence. But,

we have worked very hard in recruiting and we are looking for the best players to fit this program and Southwestern."

This senior class will surely be missed. The Bulldogs graduate starters Jamaal Shell, Lee J. Kirkpatrick and Ike Smith. Also graduating are Marcel Justin, Darren Lewis and Malcolm Overton. These seniors were part of back-to-back top 25 teams, back-to-back winning seasons and Southwestern's first ever NCAA tournament birth.

"These seniors laid a groundwork for the future. They have put Southwestern basketball on the map and now nationally we are able to gain some respect," Reed said.

## Men bow out of NCAA tournament

*Finish season with a 20-9 overall record, 7-5 in conf.*

Southwestern Oklahoma State University stayed step-for-step with top seeded Texas A&M-Commerce for the majority of the game before the Lions used a late burst and pulled away for a 62-57 victory. SWOSU, which was making its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II National Tournament, ends its season with a 20-9 mark.

Seniors Lee J. Kirkpatrick scored 17 points and Jamaal Shell added 16 to lead the Bulldogs in scoring in their final games as a collegian.

Shell tied the game at 46-46 when he sank one-of-two free throws with 4:15 to play before TAMC caught fire. The Lions' Matt Rager hit back-to-back baskets and Jonathan Hopkins swished a three pointer to put TAMC comfortably ahead at 55-46 with 1:55 to play.

Second-year coach Scott Reed said although his team was disappointed they weren't able to upset the Lions he was pleased with his squad's effort.

"I thought we did a good job of keeping the game at our pace. We controlled the tempo and kept their crowd out of it," Reed said. "It was just a three-minute spread where they got hot made some big shots and we didn't answer."

TAMC coach Sam Walker also praised the Bulldogs and their tenacity.

"Southwestern plays hard and causes us a lot of match-up problems because of the size of their wing players," Walker said. "I don't think there is much difference between any of the eight teams that are in this region."

Rager had 19 points to lead the Lions who improved to 27-4 with the win.

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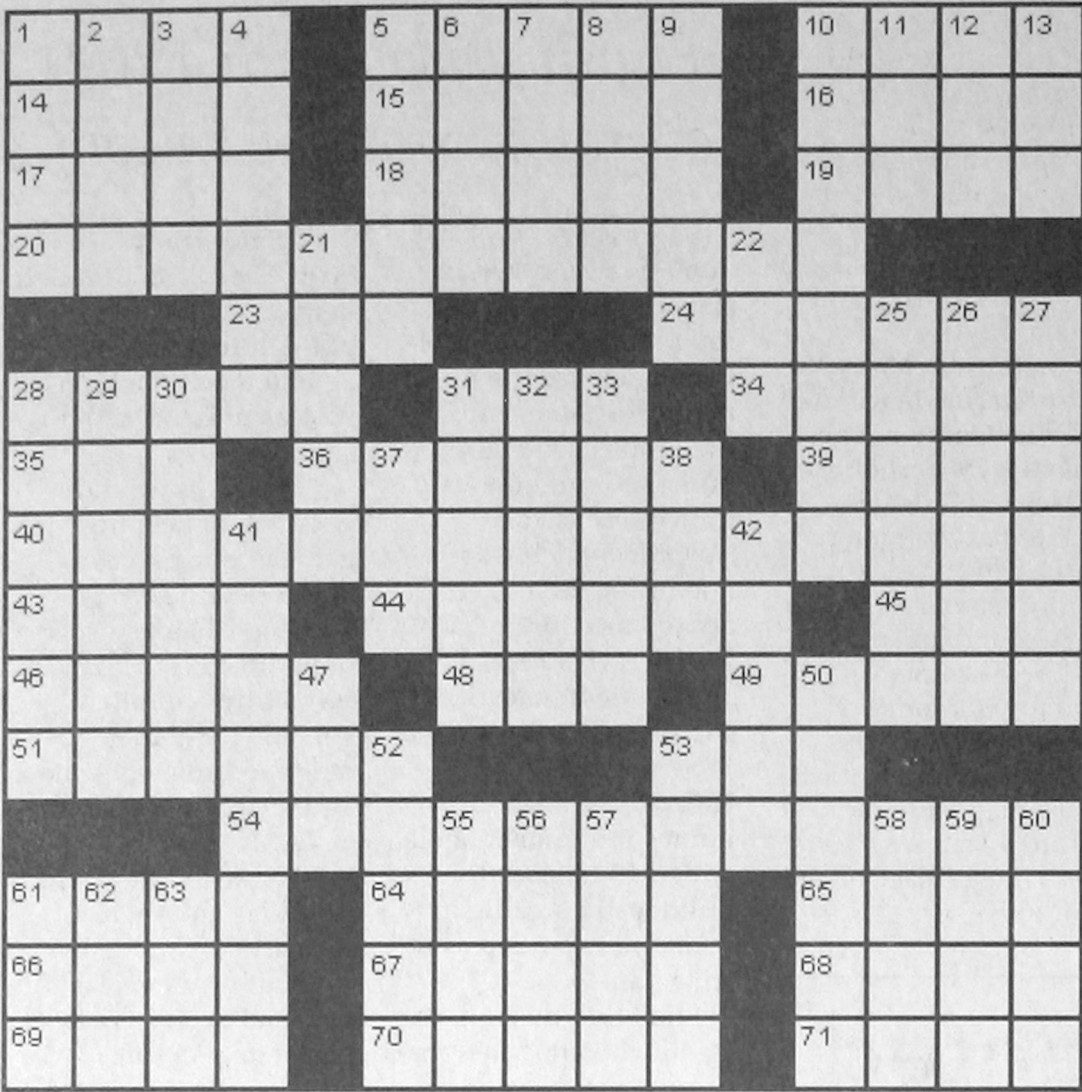
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by John T Sherman



Across

- 1. Woolly youngster
- 5. Puzzle out
- 10. Alleviate
- 14. Shape of a planet's orbit
- 15. Make use (of)
- 16. Yuletide abbr.
- 17. Singular prefix before "tude" or "taire"
- 18. Duckweed genus
- 19. Life Cereal grain
- 20. OUTER SPACE FUN !
- 23. Large wine cask
- 24. Set up tent and barbecue
- 28. Indian corn
- 31. Org. that certifies mechanics
- 34. More calamitous
- 35. Horse relative
- 36. Large bonnet (2 words)
- 39. Tractor-trailer
- 40. OUTER SPACE SPORT !
- 43. First-rate
- 44. Lake near Syracuse, NY
- 45. Aflame
- 46. Irregularly notched
- 48. Possess
- 49. What a horse does when spooked
- 51. Shovels out dirt, again
- 53. Oinker's den
- 54. OUTER SPACE LEISURE !
- 61. Bangkok dweller
- 64. Assistant
- 65. Knowledge that's passed

down

- 66. Worked at a loom
- 67. Her last film was Two-Faced Woman (1941)
- 68. Cogito follower
- 69. Porter's tip, possibly
- 70. With a bad attitude
- 71. One from Britney Spears' age group

Down

- 1. Reduction
- 2. Declare in front of an audience
- 3. Country in West Africa
- 4. Thin pancake filled with cottage cheese
- 5. Hairdo shop
- 6. Kitchen "hot box"
- 7. Tibetan priest
- 8. Wines, in Paris
- 9. Make happy
- 10. Ritual to expel evil spirit
- 11. U.S. doctors grp.
- 12. Used a chair
- 13. Feminine suffix (used with lion or baron, for example)
- 21. Party arrival
- 22. "+", in English
- 25. Ring of color around a center
- 26. Autobiography
- 27. Operates a press
- 28. Copyable original

29. On the beach

- 30. A pill bug is a type of this
- 31. Taboo (2 words)
- 32. It has a pointier snout than a mouse
- 33. "Take out" alternative
- 37. Alien spaceship
- 38. Doctor of Theology :abbr.
- 41. Turns into bone
- 42. That pale blue dot in space
- 47. "Self", to Freud
- 50. Small hole for a hook or cord
- 52. Smelting stay-behinds
- 53. Give this dog a home!
- 55. Money in Milan
- 56. Poems of praise
- 57. What water does
- 58. Angry and pained!
- 59. Strong desire
- 60. Gas used in street signs
- 61. Even prime number
- 62. Word of endearment
- 63. \_\_\_ Maria



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